Paper Quota to Bihar

1890. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have fixed any paper quota for allocation to States and Union Territories for manufacturing note books and writing material;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the quantity of paper allocated to Bihar during the last three years;

(d) whether Government propose to enhance the quota of paper to Bihar in the near future; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CURTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (e) Till 31st March, 1990, there was a scheme for subsidised supply of White Printing Paper for the production of school textbooks and exercise books. The scheme was discontinued thereafter as a matter of overall general fiscal policy.

The quantity of paper allotted to Bihar during the period 1987-88 to 1989-90 was 16,436 MTs.

Navodaya Vidyalaya for Urdu Medium Students in Delhi

1891. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what measure have been taken to safeguard the interests of Urdu medium students; and

(b) whether Government propose to establish one Navodaya School exclusively for Urdu medium students in Delhi ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) Navodaya Vidyalayas follow the three language formula. Urdu is the medium of instruction in 9 Navodaya Vidyalayas of Jammu and Kashmir and is also taught as the third lauguage in 9 Vidyalayas of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar.

(b) No, Sir.

Terminilogy for Promotion of Urdu

1892. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELORMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Bureau for Promotion of Urdu had initiated work on preparing Terminology for Urdu Journalism;

(b) if so, what is the progress made in this regard; and

(c) by when it is expected to be completed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CURTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Committee of Experts has been constituted to finalize the technical terms relating to Urdu Journalism. At present the work is at a preliminary stage.

(c) The Committee is expected to complete the work within a period of about 3 years.

Purchase of Urdu Medium Books from Private Publisher

1893. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Corporation, Delhi prefers a private publisher to NCERT in respect of Urdu medium text books for classes I to V;

(b) whether it is a fact that the NCERT text books are far superior to the text books published by the private publisher from whom the books of Urdu language and medium are being purchased;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the MCD purchases Hindi language and medium text books from NCERT, while